

SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN

VOLUME XXII



NUMBER 4

August • 1937

Published Bimonthly by the Sierra Club, San Francisco, Calif. Address all communications to the Secretary of the Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, 220 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif. Annual dues are \$4.00 (first year, \$5.00), of which \$1.00 is for subscription to SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN. Entered as second-class matter at Post Office, San Francisco, under Act of March 3, 1879.

Report on the 1937 Outing

A NEW TRIP, with new country, new management, and new ways of doing things. But, in spite of, or perhaps because of, the newness, all state that they were happy and enjoyed themselves. Although the management came to appreciate more fully than ever before the extent of the sacrifice required of Mr. Colby during the long period of his organization and management, nevertheless the planning of the trip was intensely interesting and pleasing. With the co-operation of all members of the party, and of the many varied transportation agencies involved, every one of the numerous details of the trip was handled without confusion or delay. Food arrived at the various points on schedule and in excellent condition. Due to our ability to replenish food supplies more frequently than in the Sierra Nevada, we were able to treat the members of the party to a more varied and tasteful menu than they have been used to in the past or can expect in the future. Martin Brady, already well known to many members of the Club as chef at the Clair Tappaan Lodge, was chef of the High Trip. With pies and doughnuts, roast beef, and his famous hotcakes and cinnamon toast, he contrived to keep the party happy at meal times. Through Oliver Kehrlein's inexhaustible fund of showmanship, the evening campfires were a continuing source of pleasure. At nearly every camp we were treated to different sidelights on the wild life of Glacier National Park through informal talks by Dr.

Ruhle, Park Naturalist, and members of his staff stationed at different points along our route. The personal attention and courtesy shown to us by E. T. Scoyen, Superintendent of Glacier National Park, Herbert Knight, Superintendent of Waterton Lakes National Park, and P. J. Jennings, Superintendent of Banff National Park, was greatly appreciated and has done much to strengthen the interest of the members of the party in conservation problems in those regions.

The commissary group was willing and hardworking, usually up from four in the morning until ten at night, doing much to make the details of the High Trip run pleasantly for the others. The formal staff was small this year through a desire to bring back some of the old-time self-dependence of the High Trip. The response and co-operation of the members of the party were splendid, all doing their share on various occasions, and some, through their generosity and enthusiasm, going far beyond. It is hoped that in the future this will continue to be the tradition of the Club.

Through exact planning and careful arrangement of all details, the trip was also a success financially. We are therefore able to add the surplus to a special fund which Mr. Colby has wisely built up to guard against the times when unexpected expenses create a deficit.

As to the exact details of the trip—these can best be obtained from the enthusiastic

accounts of those who went; from the descriptive powers of the photographic eye, as shown in the annual exhibit of albums; from the wonderfully accurate and beautiful paintings by Leland Curtis; and, next spring, from the full account in the magazine number of the *Bulletin*. I will therefore merely touch upon a few of the more important points of the trip.

We had heard that there would be a great deal of rain in the north, and so were well prepared. Actually, we had less than half as much as the summer before in "sunny California"; only three half-days in Glacier National Park, and two half-days in Canada. The rest of the trip was warm and sunny, there being just enough clouds to produce beautiful effects throughout each day. Few will forget the brilliant glow of the sunrise upon peaks and clouds shimmering across St. Mary Lake as we arose at three-thirty in the morning to climb to the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. The trip back over Swiftcurrent Pass through the tragic desolation of an extensive fire of only a year ago was a vivid and lasting lesson in the necessity for care with fire. After watching some of our own members on the difficult ascent of Mount Wilbur, the entire party that evening enjoyed a similar rock climbing show by three different herds of goats, all on cliffs within a quarter-mile circle of our timberline camp in the cirque at Ptarmigan Lake. Other outstanding mountaineering included a party of twenty on the traverse of Mount Cleveland,

the highest peak in Glacier National Park; a party of four on the first ascent of Kinnerly Peak in the remote Kintla region of the Park; and a party of two on the stormy ascent of mighty Sir Donald in the Selkirk Range.

After our more or less conventional Sierra Club pack trip through Glacier National Park we entered upon an entirely different type of outing through four of the national parks of Canada. After traveling across Waterton Lakes National Park by launch and bus we boarded our own special train at Calgary. In that train we would cook, eat and sleep during the next six days. After a few hours at Banff we retired and early next morning were at Lake Louise. After two full days enjoying the beauty of this region we went to bed and again awoke in an entirely new country, the Yoho National Park. The party, now in excellent condition, split into several small groups which explored various trails and passes. Thus all had the advantage of leisurely trips over high trails into country of unusually heavy glaciation. And then at breakfast the next morning we found ourselves in a region of even larger glaciers, with the summit of Mount Sir Donald in the clear air 7000 feet above. A trip up Mount Abbott practically in the center of the wild ice scenery, the fine hike over Balu Pass, the exploration of the Illecillewaet Glacier, and the attempts on Mount Sir Donald were for different members of the party the culmination of a unique and interesting trip.

RICHARD M. LEONARD.

Annual Photograph Exhibit

The annual photograph exhibit will be held as follows:

October 4 to 11 at the Club headquarters, 1050 Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street, San Francisco. (In addition to the regular hours, the Club rooms will be open from 2 to 6 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, October 9.)

October 15 to 22 at the headquarters of the Southern California Chapter, Room 315,

751 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.

October 26 to November 1, under the auspices of the Riverside Chapter, at 7373 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside.

It is hoped that all who took photographs on the 1937 Sierra Club Outing to Glacier National Park and Canada will exhibit their albums, for in each collection there are sure to be pictures of special interest not to be

found elsewhere. It has to permit

The which is visited, est. Since scouting country route of drove where States F. lund, D. assistant helpful region. next day at the hiked trail, up to Morrison meadow icy mountain camp side-trip. Several days in they climbed the area one of and other. While Trinity interested timbered spruce this region formed thousands

found elsewhere. Members of the Club who took photographs this summer on other trips in the Sierra or in other mountain regions are also invited to send in their albums.

It has long been the custom for exhibitors to permit members of the Club to obtain pic-

tures at a slight margin above cost. For this purpose it is requested that each photograph be numbered and that the price be stated. Orders will be placed through the Club office and will be forwarded after the close of the exhibit.

The Loma Prieta Chapter Outing to the Trinity Alps

The Salmon Trinity Alps Primitive Area, which is properly the name of the region we visited, is a part of the Trinity National Forest. Since our trip was to be something of a scouting expedition, and none of us knew the country, we had no definite plans as to our route or climbs to be made. On July 10 we drove to the Minersville Ranger Station where we were met by two of the United States Forest Service men, Mr. Rupert Asplund, District Ranger at Weaverville, and his assistant, Mr. Leas, both of whom were very helpful during our entire stay in the Trinity region. We camped there over night, and the next day joined our packer and pack animals at the Trinity Alps Resort. From there we hiked over about twelve miles of excellent trail, up the Stuart fork of the Trinity River, to Morris Meadow, about 4500 feet in elevation and one of the loveliest mountain meadows I have ever seen. There beside an icy mountain stream we established our base camp and from that point many interesting side-trips were made during our ten-day visit. Several of our group back-packed for five days into Canyon Creek from which point they climbed Thompson Peak, the highest in the area, about 9000 feet. Several climbed one of the Sawtooth peaks, about 8500 feet, and other interesting ascents were made.

While not as high as the Sierra Nevada, the Trinity Alps country equals it in beauty and interest. The valleys and meadows are heavily timbered, with groves of large pine and spruce predominating; rising abruptly from this region of dense timber are many glacially formed peaks, some as high as four to five thousand feet above the valley floors. All of

the vegetation is much more dense than in the Sierra and the wild life is plentiful. We saw tracks of bear and mountain lion, saw many large mule deer, and at night often heard coyotes howling mournfully on the ridge across the meadow.

On the 22nd our packers returned for us. We camped one more night at Minersville Ranger Station where we had a most interesting campfire. Mr. Asplund joined us that night and brought with him several other Forest Service men, among them Mr. F. J. Jefferson, of San Francisco, who is in charge of improvements in the California Region. He told us much about the work of the Forest Service. Mr. Guerdon Ellis, Supervisor of the Trinity National Forest, was another of our guests, and from him we learned a great deal about the problems that face the service in its endeavor to strike the best balance between conservation and wise use of the country under its care.

Before returning to the Bay region we drove to Mount Shasta where those who planned to make the climb had a few hours sleep at the Sierra Club lodge at Horse Camp. The climbers started on a clear, moonlit, early morning, only to find as the daylight came and they climbed higher that a storm was forming above them. They pushed on, however, until they reached the summit, where they paused only long enough to sign the register. The descent was a matter of swift glissades down the many snowfields, and they arrived back at the lodge shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon, wet and tired, but proud of their achievement.

MARY M. RAFTERY.

Exhibition by Leland Curtis

An exhibition of tempera paintings by Leland Curtis, made on the 1937 High Trip to Glacier National Park and Canada, will be

held in the Sierra Club rooms, 1050 Market Tower, San Francisco, September 27 to October 11, 1937.

Death of Dr. Walter Mosauer

Dr. Walter Mosauer, well known to Sierra Club members for his activities in developing skiing in southern California, passed away on August 10. Dr. Mosauer was coach of the ski team of the University of California at Los Angeles, past chairman of the Ski Mountaineers Section and of the Winter Sports

Committee of the Southern California Chapter of the Sierra Club, and author of a booklet *On Skis Over the Mountains*. His death occurred in Mexico where he had been on a scientific expedition in connection with his professorship of zoology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Additional Committee Appointments for 1937-38

Winter Sports Committee: Bestor Robinson (chairman), Franklin J. Banker, George O. Bauwens, Horace H. Breed, Lewis F. Clark, Nathan C. Clark, Jerome Cramer, Leland Curtis, Louise Hewlett, Joel H. Hildebrand, Richard M. Jones, Oliver Kehrlein, Lester La Velle, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, James I. Reynolds, Wendell T. Robie, Ethel B. Severson, Tyler R. Van Degrift,

P. H. von Lubken, John U. White, R. C. Youngquist.

Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee: Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Arthur H. Blair, Louise Hildebrand, Dorothy Markwad, Violet Neuenburg, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, Walter A. Radius, Bestor Robinson, C. Staudinger, Ruth Wale.

Recent Additions to Club Library

The Ascent of Nanda Devi. By H. W. Tilman. With a foreword by Dr. T. G. Longstaff. The Macmillan Co., New York. 1937.

Skiing. Fundamentals, Equipment and Advanced Technique. By Charles N. Proctor and Rockwell R. Stephens. Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York. 1936.

Fur-Bearing Mammals of California. Their Natural History, Systematic Status, and Relations to Man. By Joseph Grinnell, Joseph S. Dixon, and Jean M. Linsdale. Contribution from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. University of California Press, Berkeley. 1937.

Guide to the Appalachian Trail in the Southern Appalachians. Publication No. 4. The Appalachian Trail Conference, Washington, D. C. 1937.

An Annotated Bibliography of Katahdin. By Edward S. C. Smith and Myron H. Avery. Publication No. 6, The Appalachian Trail Conference, Washington, D. C. 1936.

Plants of Zion National Park. Zion-Bryant Museum Bulletin No. 1. 1937.

Cambridge Mountaineering 1936. Edited by H. D. Sweeney, St. John's College, Cambridge, England.

1050 Mill
er 27 to O-

ifornia Chap
or of a book
r. His death
ad been on
ion with his
University of

3
White, R. C.

itten: Lew
H. Blain
arkwad, Va
Harold L.
Robinson, J.

"rail in the
tion No. 1
ence, Wash

f Katschin
n H. Avery
chian The
1936.
Zion-Brye

1936. Edited
llege, Can